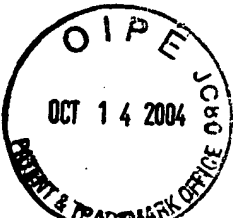


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	Filing Date: December 20, 2001	
	First Named Inventor: Christy L. LEE	
	Group Art Unit: 3652	
	Examiner: Donald W. UNDERWOOD	
	Attorney Docket Number: 08350.1628	
Attorney Customer Number: 22,852		

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.**

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:


i. ☒ \$790 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for (\_\_\_\_ Month) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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**AMENDMENT**

Concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith and in reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 19, 2004, the period for response to which extends through October 19, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include one sheet of drawings.